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THE HALL OF FAME FOR  
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GREAT AMERICANS

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Electors  
Hall of Fame for Great Americans  
2 Washington Square Village  
New York, New York 10012  
Dear Electors:

This letter is in support of the candidacy  
of Clara Barton for inclusion in the Hall of Fame  
for Great Americans

Some well-known facts to consider might  
include: (1) founded American Red Cross, the nation's  
largest humanitarian organization; (2) founded New  
Jersey's first free public school (Bordertown); (3)  
collected blankets and medical supplies which she  
drove out to Civil War battlefields, aided army  
surgeons, and fed hot gruel after engagements to  
the soldiers, truly an "Angel of the Battlefields";  
(4) identified thousands of dead in Confederacy's  
Andersonville Prison; (5) was charter member  
of Daughters of the American Revolution; (6) had  
a 3¢ stamp issued in her honor in 1948 (7)  
believed that next to heaven, one's highest duty  
is to love and serve one's country.





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*Clara Barton recommendation continued -*

*Since Clara Barton is the only woman listed already on the 1976 ballot, your support would be most appreciated. She showed that she cared.*

*Sincerely yours,  
Mrs Fern Rose Swanson  
Department President*